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Subject: Palestinian Regiments Being Formed To Fight Jews

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Bource:

- Dead BIBAYNI, cousin of the MUFTI, is forming regiments of Palestinians who
 have volunteered to fight a sacred war against the Jews and against the
 Jordan army. HUSAYNI came to Damascus just before Christmas to accept Volunteers from among the refugees in Syria and to make arrangements to transport them to Rumallah in Palestine. He claims to have already 1,000 men prepared for action.
- 2. HUSATHI also came to get the arms, belonging to the AHC, which have been stored in Demascus Warehouses. The Demascus AHC authorized the delivery of these arms to HUSAYNI.
- 3. Hejj Khelid PARAJ, private secretary to the MIFTI, and Muhammad Selim AHU-IABAH, findnes officer of the AHC in Cairo, came to Demascus for the same purpose. They are offering 8 Palestinian pounds per month plus food and clothing to volunteers. They solicit enrollments in the Teqiyyah of the Sultan Salim liosque.
- 4. Source has also reported that the Chairman of the AHC in Cairo received a letter (presumably from the AUFTI) directing him to furn all of the files of the Palestine war over to the Committee registering volunteers.

(Field Note: This does not mean we expect a sacred war to sturt. It is simply an indication of what the MUTTI and the AHC are doing. We have no traces on FARAJ or ABU-LABAN but the Cairo files undoubtedly do.)

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